

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

00-1657

WAYNE A. CYPEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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**MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant, Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company ("Provident"), hereby files this Notice of Removal of the above-captioned cause from the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, in which Court the action is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and states as follows:

1. Suit was commenced against Provident in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, General Jurisdiction Division, entitled Wayne A. Cypen v. Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, Case No. 00-28965 CA 05. The registered agent of Provident was mailed the Summons and Complaint on or about November 17, 2000, being first received by Provident thereafter.

2. This Notice of Removal is timely filed within the period prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), in that it is filed within thirty days after receipt by Provident of notice of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which the action is based.

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3. This Court has original jurisdiction of this action under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and the action may be removed to this Court by Defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441, in that it is a civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states.

4. Provident is not a citizen of the State of Florida. At all material times to the filing and service of the Complaint in this action, Provident was a foreign corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, having its principal place of business in the State of Tennessee. Plaintiff's Complaint concedes that Provident is a foreign corporation. Complaint ¶ 3.

5. Plaintiff is now and has been at all material times a citizen and resident of the State of Florida. Complaint ¶ 2.

6. Accordingly, there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties.

7. On the face of the Complaint, the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Complaint ¶ 1. Specifically, Plaintiff is seeking disability benefits under a policy of insurance issued by Provident that provides for benefits of \$5,750.00 per month in the event of total disability within the terms of each policy. A copy of the policy is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Complaint, and referenced therein. The Complaint alleges that Cypen became permanently disabled prior to September 29, 1998, Complaint ¶ 6, that Provident initially paid Cypen benefits until January, 2000, at which time Provident terminated benefits. Complaint ¶¶ 7 and 8. In addition, the Complaint seeks an award of attorney's fees. Based on the foregoing, the amount in controversy in this matter clearly exceeds \$75,000.

8. This Court also has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and this matter is one which may be removed to this Court by Provident pursuant to the provisions

of 28 U.S.C. § 1441, in that the complaint is a civil action of which the district courts have original jurisdiction founded on a claim or right arising under the law of the United States.

9. The allegations of the Complaint are founded upon a disability income insurance policy which reflects that the policy was sponsored by the employer of Plaintiff Wayne A. Cypen Rogers ("Cypen"), under a plan to be administered by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company. As such, the policy at issue in this case is exclusively regulated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). 29 U.S.C. § 1001, et seq.

10. Because the Complaint involves an ERISA claim, removal is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1441, even though ERISA does not appear on the face of the Complaint. See Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. v. Taylor, 481 U.S. 58, 107 S.Ct. 1542, 95 L.Ed.2d 55 (1987). ERISA has been held by the Supreme Court to preempt all state law causes of action and to provide a federal forum for actions such as the one herein. Pilot Life Insurance Co. v. Dedeaux, 481 U.S. 41, 107 S.Ct. 1549 (1987).

11. Copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon Provident in this case are attached to this Notice of Removal.

12. A copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed concurrently in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company, hereby gives notice of the removal of this action from the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

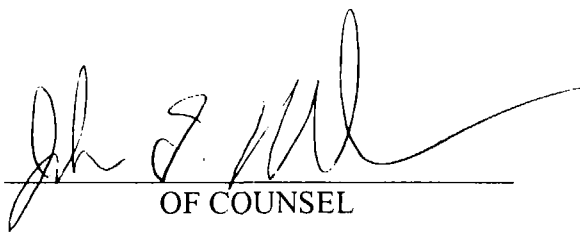
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed on this 7th day of December, 2000, to: Michael S. Olin, Esq., Podhurst, Orseck, Josefberg, Eaton, Meadow, Olin & Perwin, P.A., City National Bank Building, Eighth Floor, 25 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130.


OF COUNSEL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 00-28965 CA 05

WAYNE A. CYPEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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Defendant.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

To Each Sheriff of the State:

YOU ARE COMMANDED to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint, Interrogatories and Request for Production in this action on defendant

Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company
By Serving: Florida Department of Insurance
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida

The President or Vice-President, or other head of the corporation, and in his absence:

The Cashier, Treasurer or General Manager; and in the absence of all of the above: Any Officer or Business Agent residing in the state; and as an alternative to all of the foregoing, process may be served on the agent designed under Section 48.091, F.S.

Each defendant is required to serve written defenses to the Complaint or Petition

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on MICHAEL S. OLIN, Esq., Podhurst, Orseck, Josefsberg, Eaton, Meadow, Olin & Perwin, P.A., 25 West Flagler Street, 8th Floor, Miami, Florida 33130, within **twenty (20)** days after service of this Summons on that Defendant, exclusive of the day of service, and to file the original of the defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Attorneys for plaintiff(s) or immediately thereafter. If a defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on _____, 2000.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
as Clerk of the Court

JENNIS L. RUSSELL
BY: _____
as Deputy Clerk

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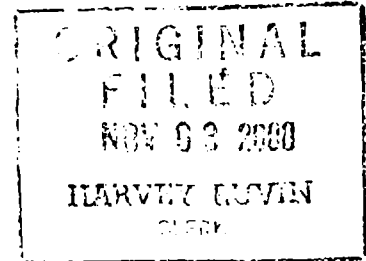
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COMPLAINT

The Plaintiff sues the Defendant and avers as follows:

1. This is an action for damages in excess of \$75,000.00.
2. Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
3. Defendant Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company is a foreign insurer authorized to do business and doing business within the State of Florida.
4. Defendant issued a policy of disability income insurance to the Plaintiff on October 7, 1987 bearing policy number 6-335-779939. A copy of the portions of the policy that are in the possession of the Plaintiff are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. Plaintiff duly paid all premiums due on the policy and has otherwise complied with all conditions precedent.
6. Prior to September 29, 1998, the Plaintiff became medically disabled and met the conditions of total disability as defined by the insurance policy.

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7. The Plaintiff duly made a claim for disability benefits under the policy of insurance. Initially, the claim was honored and disability payments were made by the Defendant.

8. In January, 2000, Defendant breached the insurance policy by ceasing and refusing to make any further payments as it was obligated to do by the policy.

9. Defendant's refusal to make payments to Plaintiff, who remains totally disabled as defined by the policy, constitutes a breach of the insurance policy.

10. Such breach has proximately caused damages to the Plaintiff, including loss of the policy benefits and other consequential damages, including attorneys' fees.

11. Plaintiff is obligated to pay no less than a reasonable fee to the undersigned law firm for its services in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff sues the Defendant for damages, plus costs, interest and attorneys' fees.

Dated: November 3rd, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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EATON, MEADOW, OLIN & PERWIN, P.A.
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PROVIDENT
LIFE AND ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY

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(A STOCK COMPANY)

ALL PROVISIONS ON THE
ATTACHED PAGES ARE A
PART OF YOUR POLICY

John Barnes

Vice President

H. Carey Hankins

President and
Chief Executive Officer

Countersigned by _____
Licensed Resident Agent

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please read the copy of the application attached to this policy. Omissions or mis-statements in the application could cause an otherwise valid claim to be denied. Carefully check the application and write to us within 10 days if any information shown on it is not correct and complete, or if any past medical history has been left out of the application. This application is a part of the policy; and the policy was issued on the basis that the answers to all questions and the information shown on the application are correct and complete.

D I S A B I L I T Y I N C O M E P O L I C Y

**NON-CANCELLABLE AND GUARANTEED CONTINUABLE TO AGE 65
CONDITIONAL RIGHT TO RENEW AFTER AGE 65; PREMIUMS GUARANTEED TO AGE 65**

**WAYNE A CYPEN, the Insured
Policy Number 6-335-779939**

THIS POLICY IS A REWRITE FROM OTHER COVERAGE -- SEE PAGE 3

10 day right to examine your policy - We want you to fully understand and be entirely satisfied with your policy. If you are not satisfied for any reason, you may return the policy to us, or to the agent through whom it was purchased, within 10 days of its receipt. We will refund any premiums you have paid within 10 days after we receive your notice of cancellation and the policy. It will be considered never to have been issued.

In this policy, the words "you" and "your" mean you, the Insured named in the Policy Schedule on Page 3; "we," "our" and "us" mean Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company.

We will pay benefits for covered loss resulting from Injuries or Sickness subject to the definitions, exclusions and other provisions of this policy. Loss must begin while the policy is in force.

This policy is a legal contract between you and us. It is issued in consideration of the payment in advance of the required premium and of your statements and representations in the application. A copy of your application is attached and made a part of the policy.

NON-CANCELLABLE AND GUARANTEED CONTINUABLE TO AGE 65 AT GUARANTEED PREMIUMS: You can continue this policy to age 65 by paying premiums on time. The premiums shown on Page 3 are guaranteed to age 65.

CONDITIONAL RIGHT TO RENEW AFTER AGE 65; PREMIUMS ARE NOT GUARANTEED: You can renew this policy as long as you are actively and gainfully working full time; there is no age limit. You must pay premiums on time at our premium rates then in effect at time of renewals. (For further conditions, see the page titled "Premiums and Renewals." See Page 7 for the benefit provisions that will be included in the continued policy.)

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READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY

Insured - WAYNE A CYPEN
 Effective Date - June 15, 1987
 Issue Date - October 7, 1987

Policy Number - 6-335-779939
 First Renewal Date - December 15, 1987
 Renewal Term - Six Months

Semi-annual Policy Premium payable from June 15, 1987 until the first UPDATE Increase Date (see Page 3 (cont.)) is \$1,197.94 on a non smoking premium basis.

Other Premium Paying Methods:

\$2,348.91 Annually
 610.72 Quarterly
 199.66 Monthly (Preauthorized Bank Draft Only)

-----MONTHLY BENEFIT FOR TOTAL DISABILITY-----

\$5,750.00

-----ELIMINATION PERIOD-----

90 days of Total and/or Residual Disability

An Elimination Period starting after age 65
 must consist entirely of days of Total Disability

-----MAXIMUM BENEFIT PERIODS-----

Injuries:

Total Disability starting before age 65	for Life
Total Disability starting at age 65 but before age 75	24 months
Total Disability starting at or after age 75	12 months

Sickness:

Total Disability starting before age 60	for Life
Total Disability starting at age 60 but before age 61	to age 65
Total Disability starting at age 61 but before age 62	48 months
Total Disability starting at age 62 but before age 63	42 months
Total Disability starting at age 63 but before age 64	36 months
Total Disability starting at age 64 but before age 65	30 months
Total Disability starting at age 65 but before age 75	24 months
Total Disability starting at or after age 75	12 months

Rehabilitation Expense \$17,250.00 Maximum Amount

Treatment of Injuries (Payable if disability
 benefits not paid) \$2,875.00 Maximum Amount

-----ADDITIONAL BENEFIT-----

(The premium shown for this benefit is included in the Policy Premium shown above.)

Residual Disability BenefitPage 8 Premium \$227.15

(Policy Schedule is continued on next page.)

THIS POLICY IS ISSUED IN LIEU OF AND REPLACES:

POLICY NO. 6-PC-461435 DATED February 24, 1981

POLICY NO. 6-334-528086 DATED July 17, 1982

POLICY NO. 6-334-563498 DATED May 14, 1983

The Pre-existing Condition Limitation and Incontestable Provisions in this policy are waived up to the extent of that which was earned for the same benefits provided by the policies it replaced.

(Policy Schedule is continued on next page.)

-----UPDATE-----

The benefits and premium named below will be automatically increased without evidence of insurability, as follows:

UPDATE Increase Date	New Monthly Benefit for Total Disability	New Maximum Amount for Rehabilitation Expense	New Maximum Amount for Treatment of Injuries	New Semi-annual Premium for this Policy
06/15/88	\$6,160.00	\$18,480.00	\$3,080.00	\$1,291.06
06/15/89	\$6,600.00	\$19,800.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,395.65
06/15/90	\$7,070.00	\$21,210.00	\$3,535.00	\$1,512.41
06/15/91	\$7,570.00	\$22,710.00	\$3,785.00	\$1,641.92
06/15/92	\$8,100.00	\$24,300.00	\$4,050.00	\$1,786.51

UPDATE Benefit increases are effective on the UPDATE Increase Dates shown. If an UPDATE Increase Date shown does not coincide with a renewal date for this policy, the increase will be effective on the next renewal date.

An UPDATE Benefit increase will apply only to a period of disability which starts after the effective date of the increase. It must qualify as a separate period of disability. If the premium for the policy is being waived on the effective date of the increase, the premium for the increase will also be waived. When you resume paying premiums for the policy, you must also start paying the premium for the increase.

You are entitled to UPDATE Benefit increases on the dates shown above. If you do not accept an increase, your refusal:

1. forfeits your right on that UPDATE Increase Date to the UPDATE Benefit increase;
2. postpones the schedule of benefit increases to the next UPDATE Increase Date, if any;
3. adjusts the premiums for the remaining increases, if any, since such premiums are based on your attained age at the time of an UPDATE Benefit increase; and
4. in no way extends the last UPDATE Increase Date shown above.

Each refusal of an UPDATE Benefit increase reduces the number of UPDATE Benefit increases to which you were entitled by one.

If you are under age 59 on the last UPDATE Increase Date, you may apply for an amendment providing additional UPDATE Benefit increases. You can do this by making formal application within the period of 60 days prior to and 31 days after the last UPDATE Increase Date. Approval will be subject to our underwriting guidelines then in effect.

DEFINITIONS

Injuries means accidental bodily injuries occurring while your policy is in force.

Sickness means sickness or disease which is first manifested while your policy is in force.

age, when used before a number, such as in "age 65", means the ending date of the policy term in which you attain that age. A policy term is described on the page titled "Premiums and Renewals."

Physician means any person other than you who is licensed by law, and is acting within the scope of the license, to treat Injuries or Sickness which results in covered loss.

Total Disability or totally disabled means that due to Injuries or Sickness:

1. you are not able to perform the substantial and material duties of your occupation; and
2. you are receiving care by a Physician which is appropriate for the condition causing the disability.

your occupation means the occupation (or occupations, if more than one) in which you are regularly engaged at the time you become disabled. If your occupation is limited to a recognized specialty within the scope of your degree or license, we will deem your specialty to be your occupation.

period of disability means a period of disability starting while this policy is in force. Successive periods will be deemed to be the same period unless the later period:

1. is due to a different or unrelated cause, or
2. starts more than twelve months after the end of the previous period;

in which event, the later period will be a new or separate period of disability. A new Elimination Period must then be met. And, a new Maximum Benefit Period will apply.

Elimination Period means the number of days of disability that must elapse in a period of disability before benefits become payable. The number of days is shown on Page 3. These days need not be consecutive; they can be accumulated during a period of disability to satisfy an Elimination Period. Benefits are not payable, nor do they accrue, during an Elimination Period.

EXCLUSION

We will not pay benefits for loss caused by war or any act of war, whether war is declared or not.

Additional exclusions, if any, appear in the Policy Schedule.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION

We will not pay benefits for loss starting within two years of the Effective Date of this policy which is caused by a Pre-existing Condition. A claim for benefits for loss starting thereafter will not be reduced or denied on the ground it is caused by a Pre-existing Condition unless the condition is excluded by name or specific description. Pre-existing Condition means an impairment, deformity or a physical condition that was not disclosed, or that was misrepresented, in answer to a question in the application for this policy. A physical condition means an accidental bodily injury which occurred before the Effective Date of the policy, or a sickness or disease which manifested itself before the Effective Date of the policy.

BENEFITS

TOTAL DISABILITY

We will pay the Monthly Benefit for Total Disability shown on Page 3 as follows:

1. Benefits start on the day of Total Disability following the Elimination Period.
2. Benefits will continue while you are totally disabled during the period of disability but not beyond the Maximum Benefit Period.

In no event will you be considered to have more than one disability at the same time. The fact that a disability is caused by more than one Injury or Sickness or from both will not matter. We will pay benefits for the disability which provides the greater benefit.

PRESUMPTIVE TOTAL DISABILITY - LOSS OF SPEECH, HEARING, SIGHT OR THE USE OF TWO LIMBS
You will be presumed totally disabled if Injuries or Sickness results in the entire and permanent loss of:

1. speech;
2. hearing in both ears;
3. the sight of both eyes; or
4. the use of both hands, or of both feet or of one hand and one foot.

You must present satisfactory proof of your loss. Your ability to work will not matter. Further medical care will not be required. Benefits will be paid according to the Total Disability provisions of this policy. But, benefits will start on the date of loss if earlier than the day benefits start as shown on Page 3. If loss occurs before you attain age 65, the Monthly Benefit for Total Disability will be paid as long as you live regardless of the Maximum Benefit Period shown on Page 3.

TRANSPLANT SURGERY

You might be disabled from the transplant of part of your body to another person. If so, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

COSMETIC SURGERY

You might be disabled from surgery to improve your appearance or to correct disfigurement. If so, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

PREGNANCY

You might be disabled from pregnancy or childbirth. If so, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

WAIVER OF PREMIUM

After you have been totally disabled for 90 days during a period of disability, we will:

1. refund any premiums which became due and were paid while you were totally disabled; and
2. waive the payment of each premium which thereafter becomes due for as long as the period of disability lasts. After it ends, to keep this policy in force, you must again pay any premiums which become due.

For premiums to be waived, you must give us satisfactory proof of disability.

REHABILITATION

Total Disability - Your participation in a program of occupational rehabilitation will not of itself be considered a recovery from Total Disability.

Expense - If, during a period of Total Disability, you participate in a program of occupational rehabilitation which we approve, we will pay for certain expenses you incur. That is, we will pay for the reasonable cost of training and education which is not otherwise covered under health care insurance, workers' compensation or any public fund or program. But, we will not pay more than the Maximum Amount for Rehabilitation Expense shown on Page 3.

A program of occupational rehabilitation must be designed to help you return to work and be:

1. a formal program of rehabilitation at an accredited graduate school, college or business school, or at a licensed vocational school;
2. a recognized program operated by the federal or a state government; or
3. any other professionally planned rehabilitation program of training or education.

TREATMENT OF INJURIES (PAYABLE IF DISABILITY BENEFITS NOT PAID.)

If Injuries require medical treatment prescribed by a Physician, we will pay your expenses for the treatment. But, we will not pay more than the Maximum Amount for Treatment of Injuries shown on Page 3 as a result of any one accident.

If you qualify for payment under this provision and also under a disability provision of this policy because of the same accident, payment will be made under the provision which provides the greater benefit.

BENEFITS WHEN POLICY RENEWED AFTER AGE 65

If this policy is continued in accordance with the "Conditional Right to Renew After Age 65" on Page 1, all of the benefit provisions on Pages 5, 6 and 7 will be included in the continued policy. (Any additional benefit provision contained in this policy will not be included unless it is named on Page 3 as one that will be included in the continued policy.) The Maximum Benefit Period starting while this policy is so continued is shown on Page 3. The Monthly Benefit for Total Disability will not change unless you choose to renew with a lesser amount.

PAYMENT FOR PART OF MONTH

If any payment under this policy is for part of a month, the daily rate will be 1/30th of the payment which would have been made if disability had continued for the whole month.

DEFINITIONS

Monthly Income means your monthly income from salary, wages, bonuses, commissions, fees or other payments for services which you render or your business provides. Normal and usual business expenses are to be deducted; income taxes are not. Monthly Income must be earned. It does not include dividends, interest, rents, royalties, annuities, sick pay or benefits received for disability under a formal wage or salary continuation plan or other forms of unearned income.

Monthly Income can be credited to the period in which it is actually received or to the period in which it is earned. We allow either the cash or accrual accounting method. But, the same method must be used to determine the Prior Monthly Income and the Current Monthly Income during a period of disability. If you elect the cash accounting method, we will not include income received for services rendered prior to the start of a period of disability in your Current Monthly Income.

Prior Monthly Income means the greatest of:

1. your average Monthly Income for the 12 months just prior to the start of the period of disability for which claim is made;
2. your average Monthly Income for the year with the highest earnings of the last two years prior to the start of such period of disability; or
3. your highest average Monthly Income for any two successive years of the last five years prior to the start of such period of disability.

Current Monthly Income means your Monthly Income in your occupation for each month of Residual Disability being claimed.

Loss of Monthly Income means the difference between Prior Monthly Income and Current Monthly Income. Loss of Monthly Income must be caused by the Residual Disability for which claim is made. The amount of the loss must be at least 20% of Prior Monthly Income to be deemed Loss of Monthly Income. If your loss is more than 75% of Prior Monthly Income, we will deem the loss to be 100%.

Residual Disability or residually disabled, during the Elimination Period, means that due to Injuries or Sickness:

1. you are not able to do one or more of your substantial and material daily business duties or you are not able to do your usual daily business duties for as much time as it would normally take you to do them;
2. you have a Loss of Monthly Income in your occupation of at least 20%; and
3. you are receiving care by a Physician which is appropriate for the condition causing disability.

After the Elimination Period has been satisfied, you are no longer required to have a loss of duties or time. Residual Disability or residually disabled then means that as a result of the same Injuries or Sickness:

1. you have a Loss of Monthly Income in your occupation of at least 20%; and
2. you are receiving care by a Physician which is appropriate for the condition causing the Loss of Monthly Income.

Monthly Benefit for Total Disability is shown on Page 3. (It can be increased by certain other benefit provisions if they are included in your policy and are applicable. If included, they are titled "Cost of Living Adjustments of Monthly Benefits" and "Social Insurance Substitute Benefit.")

Residual Disability Monthly Benefit is the benefit payable under this provision. It is determined monthly by this formula. Each month, it equals:

$$\frac{\text{Loss of Monthly Income}}{\text{Prior Monthly Income}} \times \text{Monthly Benefit for Total Disability}$$

RESIDUAL DISABILITY BENEFITS

We will pay Residual Disability Monthly Benefits as follows:

1. Benefits start on the day of Residual Disability following the Elimination Period or, if later, after the end of compensable Total Disability during the same period of disability.
2. Benefits will continue while you are residually disabled during a period of disability but the combined period for which benefits for Total and Residual Disability are payable can not exceed the Maximum Benefit Period. And, benefits will not be payable after you attain age 65.
3. The first six monthly payments for Residual Disability will be the greater of:
 - a. 50% of the Monthly Benefit for Total Disability; or
 - b. the Residual Disability Monthly Benefit determined for each month.

Residual Disability benefits will not be paid for any days for which Total Disability benefits are paid.

In no event will you be considered to have more than one disability at the same time. The fact that a disability is caused by more than one Injury or Sickness or from both will not matter. We will pay benefits for the disability which provides the greater benefit.

We can require any proof which we consider necessary to determine your Current Monthly Income and Prior Monthly Income. Also, we or an independent accountant retained by us shall have the right to examine your financial records as often as we may reasonably require.

RECOVERY BENEFITS

(Nothing in this provision limits the policy definition of "Residual Disability.")

If you are under age 65 and return to gainful full-time work at the end of a period for which we have paid Total and/or Residual Disability benefits, we will:

1. while you are so engaged in gainful full-time work; and
2. while you are having a Loss of Monthly Income in your occupation of at least 20% due to the same Injuries or Sickness;

pay benefits under this back to work provision as though the same period of disability is continuing. You do not have to be receiving care by a Physician while Recovery Benefits are being paid. Payments will be made for each month, up to 3 months, in which (1) and (2) exist. For the first such month, we will pay a benefit based on the greater of:

- a. the monthly rate computed by the Residual Disability Benefit formula for that month; or
- b. 100% of the actual claim payment made for the 30 days preceding your return to work full time.

The monthly benefit for the second and third months will be computed as in (a) and (b) above; except that, instead of using 100% in (b), 75% will apply for the second month. And, 50% will apply for the third month.

These recovery benefits will not be paid for any days for which Total and/or Residual Disability benefits are paid. And, they will not be paid for more than 3 months in connection with a period of disability.

COST OF LIVING INDEXING OF PRIOR MONTHLY INCOME

(Applicable to benefits paid after the 12th month of a period of disability)

Definitions

CPI-U means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. It is published by the United States Department of Labor. If the CPI-U is discontinued or if its method of computation is changed, we may use another nationally published index. We will choose an index which is similar in scope and purpose to the CPI-U. The CPI-U will then mean the index which is chosen.

Review Date means each anniversary date of the start of a period of disability.

Review Period means a one year period ending on a Review Date.

Index Month means the calendar month three months prior to a Review Date. But, the first Index Month means the calendar month three months prior to the start of a period of disability. We will measure all changes in the CPI-U from the first Index Month.

Index Factor is used by us to determine your adjusted Prior Monthly Income for each Review Period. We will compute this factor by dividing the CPI-U for the latest Index Month by the CPI-U for the first Index Month. We will compute it on each Review Date during a period of disability.

Adjusted Prior Monthly Income

If Injuries or Sickness results in a period of disability that lasts at least 12 months, we will compute Cost of Living Adjustments on each Review Date for Residual Disability Benefits. Monthly benefits which thereafter accrue during that period of disability will be adjusted by indexing your Prior Monthly Income as follows:

1. On each Review Date, your Prior Monthly Income will be multiplied by your Index Factor. The result is your adjusted Prior Monthly Income. It will be used to figure your Loss of Monthly Income during the Review Period that follows. It will also be used in the formula to compute each Residual Disability Monthly Benefit payable during that Review Period.

An increase in your Prior Monthly Income can cause your Loss of Monthly Income to be greater. This in turn can result in an increase in your Residual Disability Monthly Benefit. Other than your Index Factor (which is computed by using actual CPI-U values), there is no limit on the percent of increase in your Prior Monthly Income for a Review Period. If the CPI-U should go down, your adjusted Prior Monthly Income can decrease. But, it can never reduce below your Prior Monthly Income at the start of the period of disability.

2. Indexing of your Prior Monthly Income will end on the earliest of:
 - a. the end of the period of disability (see Page 4);
 - b. the end of a benefit period; or
 - c. the date you attain age 65.

If the computations end because of a or b above, disability benefits which can be paid for the first 12 months of a new period of disability will not include a Cost of Living Adjustment. A new first Index Month and Review Date will apply to each new period of disability that lasts more than 12 months.

WAIVER OF PREMIUM

For periods of disability which start before age 65, the Waiver of Premium provision on Page 6 is replaced by the following:

"WAIVER OF PREMIUM - TOTAL DISABILITY AND RESIDUAL DISABILITY

If, during a period of disability, Injuries or Sickness results in more than 90 days of Total and/or Residual Disability, we will:

1. refund any premiums which became due and were paid while you were so disabled; and
2. waive the payment of each premium which thereafter becomes due for as long as the period of disability lasts. After it ends, to keep your policy in force, you must again pay any premiums which become due.

For premiums to be waived, you must give us satisfactory proof of disability except as respects Recovery Benefits."

NOTE: All portions of this Residual Disability Benefit expire when you attain age 65 even though the policy may be renewed after you attain age 65. No further premiums for it will be due.

PREMIUMS AND RENEWALS

POLICY TERM

The first term of this policy starts on the Effective Date shown on Page 3. It ends on the First Renewal Date also shown. Later terms will be the periods for which you pay renewal premiums when due. All terms will begin and end at 12:01 A.M., Standard Time, at your home. The renewal premium for each term will be due on the day the preceding term ends, subject to the grace period.

GRACE PERIOD

This policy has a 31 day grace period. This means that if a renewal premium is not paid on or before the date it is due, it may be paid during the next 31 days. During the grace period, the policy will stay in force.

CONDITIONAL RIGHT TO RENEW AFTER AGE 65; PREMIUMS ARE NOT GUARANTEED

(Continued from Page 1)

You can renew this policy as long as you are actively and gainfully working full time. From time to time, we can require proof that you are actively and gainfully working full time. If you stop working, (except by reason of Total Disability), this policy will terminate; except that coverage will continue to the end of any period for which premium has been accepted.

Premiums must be paid on time. They will be based on our table of rates by attained age in effect at time of renewals for persons in your same rate class who are insured under policies of this form. Other than your attained age, the factors used to determine your rate class will be the same as those that applied to you on the Effective Date of this policy.

The benefit provisions which will be included in this policy, if it is continued after you attain age 65, are described on Page 7.

REINSTATEMENT

If a renewal premium is not paid before the grace period ends, the policy will lapse. Later acceptance of the premium by us or by our agent authorized to accept payment without requiring an application for reinstatement will reinstate this policy.

If we or our agent require an application, you will be given a conditional receipt for the premium tendered. If the application is approved, the policy will be reinstated as of the approval date. Lacking such approval, the policy will be reinstated on the 45th day after the date of the conditional receipt unless we have previously written you of our disapproval.

The reinstated policy will cover only loss that results from Injuries which occur after the date of reinstatement or Sickness which is first manifested more than 10 days after such date. In all other respects, your rights and ours will remain the same, subject to any provisions noted on or attached to the reinstated policy.

If you enter full-time active duty in the military (land, sea or air) service of any nation or international authority, you may suspend your policy. But, you may not suspend the policy during active duty for training lasting 3 months or less. The policy will not be in force while it is suspended, and you will not be required to pay premiums. Upon receipt of your written request to suspend the policy, we will refund the pro-rata portion of any premium paid for a period beyond the date we receive your request.

If your full-time active duty in military service ends before age 65, you may place this policy back in force without evidence of insurability. Your coverage will start again when:

1. we have received your written request to place the policy back in force; and
2. you have paid the required pro-rata premium for coverage until the next premium due date.

However, your request and premium payment must be received by us within 90 days after the date your active duty in the military service ends. Premiums will be at the same rate that they would have been had your policy remained in force. The policy will not cover any loss due to Injuries which occur or Sickness which is first manifested while the policy is suspended. In all other respects you and we will have the same rights under the policy as before it was suspended.

PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT AT DEATH

Any premium paid for a period beyond the date of your death will be refunded to your estate.

CLAIMS

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Written notice of claim must be given within 20 days after a covered loss starts or as soon as reasonably possible. The notice can be given to us at our home office, Chattanooga, Tennessee, or to our agent. Notice should include your name and the policy number.

CLAIM FORMS

When we receive your notice of claim, we will send you claim forms for filing proof of loss. If these forms are not given to you within 15 days, you will meet the proof of loss requirements by giving us a written statement of the nature and extent of your loss. You must give us this proof within the time set forth in the Proof of Loss section.

PROOF OF LOSS

If the policy provides for periodic payment for a continuing loss, you must give us written proof of loss within 90 days after the end of each period for which we are liable. For any other loss, written proof must be given within 90 days after such loss.

If it was not reasonably possible for you to give written proof in the time required, we will not reduce or deny the claim for this reason if the proof is filed as soon as reasonably possible. In any event, the proof required must be furnished no later than one year after the 90 days unless you are legally unable to do so.

TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS
After we receive written proof of loss, we will pay monthly all benefits then due you for disability. Benefits for any other loss covered by this policy will be paid as soon as we receive proper written proof.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Benefits will be paid to you. Any benefits unpaid at death will be paid to your estate.

If benefits are payable to your estate, we can pay benefits up to \$3000 to someone related to you by blood or marriage whom we consider to be entitled to the benefits. We will be discharged to the extent of any such payment made in good faith.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

We, at our expense, have the right to have you examined as often as is reasonable while a claim is pending.

MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If your age has been misstated, the benefits will be those the premium paid would have bought at the correct age.

LEGAL ACTIONS

You may not start a legal action to recover on this policy within 60 days after you give us required proof of loss. You may not start such action after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the time proof of loss is required.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ENTIRE CONTRACT

This policy with the application and attached papers is the entire contract between you and us. No change in this policy will be effective until approved by one of our officers. This approval must be noted on or attached to this policy. No agent may change this policy or waive any of its provisions.

INCONTESTABLE

1. After this policy has been in force for two years during your lifetime, we cannot contest the statements in the application.
2. No claim for loss incurred or disability that starts after two years from the Effective Date of this policy will be reduced or denied on the ground that a sickness or physical condition not excluded by name or specific description had existed before the Effective Date of this policy.

CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES

Any provision of this policy which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the laws of the state in which you reside on that date is changed to conform to the minimum requirements of those laws.

ASSIGNMENT

No assignment of interest in this policy will be binding on us until a copy is on file with us. It must be approved by one of our officers. We are not responsible for the validity of any assignment.

AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION

In consideration of the issuance of the policy to which this amendment is attached, it is understood and agreed that my signed application dated May 7, 1987, is amended as follows:

4(A) ANNUAL EARNED INCOME FROM YOUR
OCCUPATION FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES
(AFTER BUSINESS EXPENSES, IF ANY):

	CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF EARNED INCOME	ACTUAL PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR	ACTUAL YEAR PRIOR TO LAST CALENDAR YEAR
SALARY.....	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$80,000
OTHER (DESCRIBE)			
0	0	0	0
0			

4(B) UNEARNED INCOME PRIOR 2 YEARS
(INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, ETC.)

\$10,000	\$10,000
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Signed at _____
City State
this ____ day of _____ 19 ____ Signature X _____

1. (a) Full name? WALTER A. C. PETERSON (b) Sex? M
(c) Height? ft. 5 in. 7 (d) Weight? lbs. 145 (e) Date of Birth? 12/27/57 (f) Birthplace? MIAMI, FL
2. (a) Residence Address? 4300 N. BAY RD. MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140 Send Notices
(b) Business Address? 525 ARTHUR GODFREY RD. MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140 ☐ Residence ☒ Business
3. (a) Occupation: CIVIL LITIGATION, PROBATE, ESTATE PLANNING (b) Employer: CYREN E. CYREN
(c) Exact duties: TRIAL WORK, COURT APPEARANCES (d) Social Security No. 261-90-3768
(e) Are you actively at work fulltime in the above occupation? Yes ☒ No ☐ (f) Length of Employment: 10 yrs.
4. (a) Annual Earned Income From Your Occupation for Fed- Current Annual Rate Actual Prior Actual Year Prior to
eral Tax Purposes (After Business Expenses, if any): of Earned Income Calendar Year Last Calendar Year
Salary \$ 100,000 \$ 90,000 \$ 80,000
Other (Describe) \$ \$
(b) Unearned Income Prior 2 Years (Interest, Dividends, etc.) \$ 10,000 \$ 10,000
5. (a) Do you have or are you applying for other: (1) Individual, (2) Association, (3) Group, or (4) Employer Sick Pay disability
income coverage; or (5) Overhead Expense disability coverage? Yes ☒ No ☐ (If "Yes" give details below)
- | Company
or Source | Type
(1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) | Monthly Disability
Amount | Benefit Period
Accident Sickness |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>PROVIDENT LIF</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2400</u> | <u>360 DAYS - MIXED</u> |
- (b) Do you have Social Security substitute coverage? Yes ☒ No ☐ Amount \$ 400 Company PROVIDENT
(c) Is any coverage to be replaced by the coverage applied for? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes", complete Form 1335-Q5.
(d) What is the total personal non-group life insurance in force or applied for on your life? \$1,750,000
(e) Does your net worth exceed \$4,000,000? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes" complete Form 1335-NW.
(f) Have you smoked cigarettes within the last 12 months? Yes ☐ No ☒

(Q6-8 need not be answered if a Provident Medical Exam, dated on or after the date of this application, is being furnished)

6. Have you ever been treated for or ever had any known indication of:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (a) High blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, arthritis, asthma, emphysema, or emotional, nervous or mental disorder, or disease or disorder of the eyes, ears or speech? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Disease or disorder of the neck, back, spine, heart, lungs, breasts, or the circulatory, digestive, urinary or reproductive systems? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
7. Other than above, have you, within the past 5 years, had medical or surgical advice or treatment, had a physical examination, or been under observation for any disease or disorder? ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. Do you have a physical impairment or deformity, or take any type of prescribed medication? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Give details of "Yes" answers to Q6-8. Include diagnoses, dates, physicians and addresses)

7 - REGULAR ANNUAL CHECK-UPS:

SHERMAN KAPLAN, M.D.
333 ARTHUR GODFREY RD.
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140

9. (a) Will your employer pay for all disability coverage to be carried by you with no portion of the premium to be included in your taxable income? Yes ☒ No ☐ (b) How much premium is paid with this application? 0 - S/H. DED. BILLING

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the foregoing statements and all of those in Part II, if any, of this Application are true, complete, and correctly stated. They are offered to Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company as the basis for any insurance issued on this Application. I have received a disclosure concerning: (1) the Medical Information Bureau; and (2) an investigative consumer report which may be made for use with this Application.

I authorize any licensed physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau or other organizations, institution or person that has any records or knowledge of me or my health, to give to Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company and/or its reinsurers any such information.

I authorize all said sources, except the Medical Information Bureau, to give such records or knowledge to Equifax, Inc. This agency is employed by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company to collect and send such information.

A copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original

Signature of Proposed Insured Walter A. Peterson

I certify that I have truly and accurately recorded on this application the information supplied by the Proposed Insured.

Sean M. Fallick IV
(Licensed Agent's or Broker's Signature)

521-56-1558

Signed at MIAMI BEACH FL
City State
this 7th day of MAY 19 97
Field Office:

Full Name of Person Examined (Last) CYLER (First) WAYNE (Middle) Date of Birth 2/27/51 Occupation LAWYER

1. a. Name and address of your personal physician (If none, ☐ Check) Sherman Kaplan, 333 Arthur Godfrey Rd, Miami Beach, FL

b. Date and reason last consulted? Phys - Check up 1987

c. What treatment was given or medication prescribed? None

2. Have you ever been treated for or ever had any known indication of:

	Yes	No
a. Disorder of eyes, ears, nose, or throat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Dizziness, fainting, convulsions, headache; speech defect, paralysis or stroke; mental or nervous disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Shortness of breath, persistent hoarseness or cough, blood spitting; bronchitis, pleurisy, asthma, emphysema, tuberculosis or chronic respiratory disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Chest pain, palpitation, high blood pressure, rheumatic fever, heart murmur, heart attack or other disorder of the heart or blood vessels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Jaundice, intestinal bleeding, ulcer, hernia, appendicitis, colitis, diverticulitis, hemorrhoids, recurrent indigestion, or other disorder of the stomach, intestines, liver or gallbladder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Sugar, albumin, blood or pus in urine; venereal disease; stone or other disorder of kidney, bladder, prostate or reproductive organs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Diabetes; thyroid or other endocrine disorders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Neuritis, sciatica, rheumatism, arthritis, gout, or disorder of the muscles or bones, including the spine, back, or joints?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Deformities, lameness or amputation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j. Disorder of skin, lymph glands, cyst, tumor, or cancer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k. Allergies, anemia, hemophilia or leukemia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. Are you now under observation or taking treatment? ☐ ☒

4. Have you had any change in weight in the past year? ☐ ☒

5. Other than above, have you within the past 5 years:

a. Had any mental or physical disorder not listed above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Had a checkup, consultation, illness, injury, surgery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Been a patient in a hospital, clinic, sanatorium, or other medical facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Had electrocardiogram, X-ray, other diagnostic test?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Been advised to have any diagnostic test, hospitalization, or surgery which was not completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. Have you ever used barbiturates, narcotics, excitants or hallucinogens or ever sought treatment or been arrested for their use? ☐ ☒

7. Have you ever sought help or treatment for alcohol use? ☐ ☒

8. a. Have you ever had any disorder of menstruation, pregnancy or of the reproductive organs or breasts? ☐ ☒

b. To the best of your knowledge and belief, are you now pregnant? ☒ ☐

9. Have you ever had military service deferment, rejection or discharge because of a physical or mental condition? Yes ☒ ☐

10. Have you ever requested or received a pension, benefits, or payment because of an injury, sickness or disability? ☐ ☒

11. Family History: (Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters) Tuberculosis, diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure, heart or kidney disease, mental illness or suicide? ☐ ☒

(For additional comments, use back side)

a	Age if Living?	Age at Death?	Cause of Death?	b	Number Living?	Number Dead?	Age if Living?	Age at Death?	Cause of Death?
Father	68			Brothers	3	0	44-50-50		
Mother	67			Sisters	1	0	40		

The foregoing statements are full, complete, and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Dated at _____

PARAMEDICAL ORGANIZATION (Please stamp or type below)

EXAMINATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.
2525 S.W. 3rd AVENUE, SUITE #410

this 15 day of May 1987

(X) Wayne C. Cyler
Signature of person examined

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Examination for: ☐ Insurance ☐ Life ☐ Disability ☐ Pending ☐ Group ☐ Pre-Employment Examination

10. a. Height (in shoes) 5 ft. 7 1/2 in. b. Weight (clothed) 176 lbs
 c. Abdomen, at Umbilicus 33 ins.
 d. Did you weigh examinee? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 e. Did you measure examinee? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 f. Is appearance unhealthy or older than stated age? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 g. Any obvious impairments (physical or mental)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Details of "Yes" answers (Identify Item.)

11. Blood Pressure: a. Systolic 100 Diastolic 72
 Repeat after 10 minutes rest if systolic pressure is over 140 or diastolic pressure is over 90.
 b. Systolic 100 Diastolic 74

12. Pulse:
 Rate 80
 Irregularities 0
 Per Minute
- | At Rest | After Exercise | 3 Minutes Later |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>80</u> | | |
| <u>0</u> | | |

13. Urinalysis: (a) Specific gravity? NEG (b) Albumin? NEG (c) Sugar? NEG
 For LIFE INSURANCE: A home office specimen is required for each examination report
 For DISABILITY INSURANCE: NO home office specimen is routinely required
☐ Yes, ☒ No Specimen is being sent to home office.

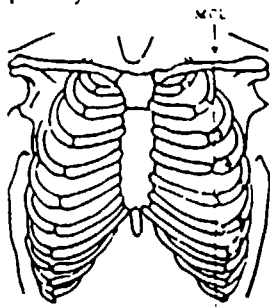
The remaining questions (14, 15, 16, 17) are to be answered by PHYSICIAN EXAMINER ONLY

14. Heart: Is there any: Enlargement ☐ Yes ☐ No Dyspnea ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Murmur(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No Edema ☐ Yes ☐ No
 (describe below — if more than one, describe separately)

- Yes No
 Constant ☐ ☐
 Transmitted ☐ ☐
 Systolic ☐ ☐
 Presystolic ☐ ☐
 Diastolic ☐ ☐
 Soft (Gr. 1-2) ☐ ☐
 Mod. (Gr. 3-4) ☐ ☐
 Loud (Gr. 5-6) ☐ ☐
 After exercise:
 Increased ☐ ☐
 Absent ☐ ☐
 Unchanged ☐ ☐
 Decreased ☐ ☐

Indicate Location:

- Apex by X
 Murmur area by 0
 Point of greatest intensity by 0
 Transmission by 0



Use space below and to right for your comments and impressions.

15. Is there on examination any abnormality of the following: Yes No
 (If Yes, circle and give details.):
 a. Eyes, ears, nose, mouth, pharynx? ☐ ☐
 (If vision or hearing markedly impaired, indicate degree and correction.)
 b. Skin (include scars); lymph nodes; varicose veins or peripheral arteries? ☐ ☐
 c. Nervous system (including reflexes, gait, paralysis) ☐ ☐
 d. Respiratory system? ☐ ☐
 e. Abdomen (include scars)? ☐ ☐
 f. Genitourinary system (include prostate) ☐ ☐
 g. Endocrine system (include thyroid and breasts)? ☐ ☐
 h. Musculoskeletal system (include spine, joints, amputations, deformities)? ☐ ☐
 16. a. Are there any hernias? ☐ Yes ☐ No b. Any hemorrhoids? ☐ ☐
 17. Are you aware of additional medical history? ☐ ☒
 (A confidential report may be sent to Medical Director)

I certify that I made this examination at 3:30 A.M. P.M. on the 14 day of May 19 87
 Examination made at: ☐ My Office ☐ Applicant's Office ☐ Applicant's Home ☐ Other
 at request of AGENT Jan Pollock SIGNATURE Jesus COURT
 Signature of Examiner Degree

YOUR OUTLINE OF COVERAGE

(PLEASE KEEP WITH YOUR POLICY)

**PROVIDENT
LIFE AND ACCIDENT**
INSURANCE COMPANY

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION COVERAGE

REQUIRED OUTLINE OF COVERAGE

POLICY SERIES 335

1. READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY

This outline of coverage provides a very brief description of the important features of your policy. This is not the insurance contract and only the actual policy provisions will control. The policy itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and your insurance company. It is, therefore, important that you READ YOUR POLICY CAREFULLY.

2. DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION COVERAGE

Policies of this category are designed to provide, to persons insured, coverage for disabilities resulting from covered Injuries or Sickness, subject to any limitations set forth in the policy. Coverage is not provided for basic hospital, basic medical-surgical, or major-medical expenses.

3. BENEFITS

a. General Definitions

Benefit Schedule means the schedule of benefits attached to this Outline.

Elimination Period means the number of days of disability that must elapse in a period of disability before benefits become payable. The number of days is shown in this Outline's Benefit Schedule. These days need not be consecutive; they can be accumulated during a period of disability to satisfy an Elimination Period. Benefits are not payable, nor do they accrue, during an Elimination Period.

Total Disability or totally disabled means that due to Injuries or Sickness:

1. you are not able to perform the substantial and material duties of your occupation; and
2. you are receiving care by a Physician which is appropriate for the condition causing the disability.

your occupation means the occupation (or occupations, if more than one) in which you are regularly engaged at the time you became disabled. If your occupation is limited to a recognized specialty within the scope of your degree or license, we will deem your specialty to be your occupation.

The basic Monthly Benefit for Total Disability is shown in the Benefit Schedule. Benefits start on the day of Total Disability after the Elimination Period. Benefits are payable for as long as the applicable maximum benefit periods also shown in the Benefit Schedule.

UPDATE - This benefit provides for automatic increases in your Monthly Benefit for Total Disability. Refer to the Policy Schedule in your policy for details.

Presumptive Total Disability - You will be presumed totally disabled if Injuries or Sickness result in the entire and permanent loss of: 1) speech; 2) hearing in both ears; 3) sight of both eyes; or 4) use of both hands, both feet, or one hand and one foot.

The basic Monthly Benefit for Total Disability will be paid even if you can work. Further medical care will not be required. Benefits will be payable for life.

Waiver of Premium - After you have been disabled for 90 days during a period of total and/or residual disability we will:

1. refund any premiums which became due and were paid while you were totally and/or residually disabled; and
2. waive the payment of each premium which thereafter becomes due for as long as the period of disability lasts. After it ends, to keep your policy in force, you must again pay any premiums which become due.

Transplant Surgery - If you are disabled because you donate a part of your body to another person, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

Cosmetic Surgery - If you are disabled from surgery to improve your appearance or correct disfigurement, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

Pregnancy - If you are disabled from pregnancy or childbirth, we will consider it to be the result of a Sickness.

Rehabilitation - You may participate in a program of occupational rehabilitation while disabled. This will not of itself affect Total Disability payments. If we approve the program we will pay certain training expenses up to an amount equal to three times one basic Monthly Benefit for Total Disability.

Treatment of Injuries (payable if disability benefits not paid) - If Injuries require treatment prescribed by a Physician, we will pay your expenses for such treatment, up to one-half of one basic Monthly Benefit for Total Disability.

c. Additional Benefit

The following optional benefit is also a part of your policy and is shown in the Benefit Schedule. Additional premium is required.

Residual Disability Benefits pay a percentage of the Total Disability Monthly Benefit when, due to Injuries or Sickness, you suffer a loss of earnings of 20% or more, and are receiving care by a physician. (During the Elimination Period only, you must not be able to work fully because of the Injuries or Sickness.) A loss of earnings over 75% is deemed a 100% loss and 100% of your Total Disability Monthly Benefit will be paid. Residual benefits are payable for as long as stated in the policy.

When a disability lasts more than one year, Cost of Living indexing (based on the Consumer Price Index) will be applied to your pre-disability earnings. As they increase, your loss of earnings becomes greater and this, in turn, produces increases in your Residual Disability Monthly Benefit.

Recovery Benefits are payable for up to three months following a period for which benefits were paid if you are under age 65 and return to full-time work with a loss of earnings of at least 20%. Benefits will be the greater of the Residual formula amount for each of the first three months or the applicable percentage (100% first month, 75% second month and 50% third month) of the actual claim payment made for the 30 days prior to your return to work.

4. EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not cover loss caused by war or act of war.

The policy will only cover pre-existing conditions as follows:

1. During the first two policy years, a pre-existing condition will be covered if it was disclosed and not misrepresented in answer to a question in the application for the policy, and we did not exclude it from coverage.
2. We will cover any condition not excluded by the policy for a disability that starts after two years.

Pre-existing conditions are defined in the policy.

If there are any additional exclusions, they will be referred to in the Policy Schedule. If there is an exclusion or limitation which applies only to a benefit rider added after the policy is issued, it will be included with the rider.

Non-Cancellable and Guaranteed Continuable to Age 65 at Guaranteed Premiums: You can continue this policy to age 65 by paying the premiums on time.

Conditional Right to Renew After Age 65; Premiums are not Guaranteed: You can renew this policy as long as you are actively and gainfully working full time; there is no age limit. You must pay premiums on time at our rates then in effect at time of renewal. The basic policy, if renewed before age 75, will provide a 24 month maximum benefit period for Total Disability and Presumptive Total Disability. A 12 month maximum benefit period will be provided if the policy is renewed at or after age 75.

If the policy is continued, all of the basic benefit provisions will be included in the continued policy. Any additional benefit provision contained in the policy will not be included unless it is so named as one that will be included in the continued policy.

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BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THIS OUTLINE

Elimination Period 90 days of Total and/or Residual Disability

Monthly Benefit for Total Disability \$5,750.00

Maximum Benefit Periods:

Injuries:

Total Disability starting before age 65	for Life
Total Disability starting at age 65 but before age 75	24 months
Total Disability starting at or after age 75	12 months

Sickness:

Total Disability starting before age 60	for Life
Total Disability starting at age 60 but before age 61	to age 65
Total Disability starting at age 61 but before age 62	48 months
Total Disability starting at age 62 but before age 63	42 months
Total Disability starting at age 63 but before age 64	36 months
Total Disability starting at age 64 but before age 65	30 months
Total Disability starting at age 65 but before age 75	24 months
Total Disability starting at or after age 75	12 months

-----ADDITIONAL BENEFIT-----

Residual Disability Benefit

This Outline of Coverage was prepared on 10/08/87 and
replaces any previous description of coverage furnished you.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND STATUS STATEMENT
Supplement to Application
for the Below Numbered Policy

I hereby make the following statement which I agree shall form a part of my Application for the policy to which this form is attached:

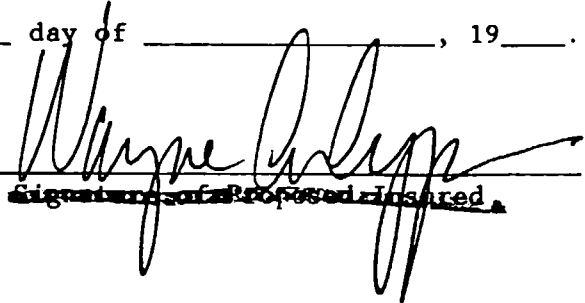
1. I have reviewed the statements in the Application for this policy and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are still true, complete, and correctly stated; and
2. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no change in the state of my health since the date of my Application for this policy; and
3. I have not applied for Individual, Association or Group disability income coverage, nor Business Overhead Expense disability coverage, nor Business Buy-Out Expense disability coverage, nor Master Key disability coverage, since the date of my application for this policy.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 19____.



~~Signature of Proposed Insured~~

Signature of Witness



~~Signature of Proposed Insured~~

Signature of Applicant
(Applicable to Business Buy/Out and
Master Key Only)

The duplicate copy attached to the policy must be signed, dated, and witnessed on delivery of the policy. The original accompanying the policy must be signed, dated, witnessed, and returned to the Company.

IF THE PROPOSED INSURED CANNOT ATTEST TO ITEMS (1), (2) AND (3) ABOVE, (AND THE APPLICANT CANNOT ATTEST TO THE STATEMENT REGARDING BUY/OUT OR MASTER KEY, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE) THIS FORM AND THE POLICY MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY.

Accident Department

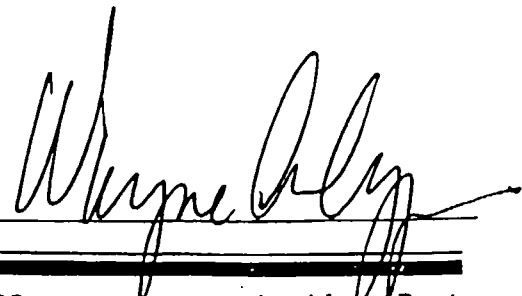
AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION

In consideration of the issuance of the policy to which this amendment is attached, it is understood and agreed that my signed application dated May 7, 1987, is amended as follows:

4(A) ANNUAL EARNED INCOME FROM YOUR
OCCUPATION FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES
(AFTER BUSINESS EXPENSES, IF ANY):

	CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF EARNED INCOME	ACTUAL PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR	ACTUAL YEAR PRIOR TO LAST CALENDAR YEAR
SALARY.....	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$80,000
OTHER (DESCRIBE)			
0	0	0	0
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4(B) UNEARNED INCOME PRIOR 2 YEARS (INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, ETC.)		\$10,000	\$10,000

Signed at _____
City State
this ____ day of _____ 19 ~~2000~~



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WAYNE A CYPEN

6-335-779939

Accident Dept.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 00-28965 CA 05

WAYNE A. CYPEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

Plaintiff, through undersigned counsel, requests that the Defendant, PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, produce for inspection and copying at the offices of the undersigned, in accordance with the applicable Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the following:

1. The complete claim's review file that was accumulated in determining whether or not to pay the claim of the Plaintiff.
2. The complete claim's review appeal file that was accumulated in determining whether or not to pay the claim of the Plaintiff.
3. Any and all correspondence between you and:
 - a. The Plaintiff;
 - b. The Plaintiff's physicians or other healthcare providers; and

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c. Plaintiff's representatives.

4. Please produce the curriculum vitae for each and every physician or healthcare provider who you consulted in determining whether or not to pay the Plaintiff's claim.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served on the Defendant along with the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

PODHURST, ORSECK, JOSEFSBERG,
EATON, MEADOW, OLIN & PERWIN, P.A.
25 West Flagler Street, Suite 800
Miami, Florida 33130
(305) 358-2800 / Fax (305) 358-2382

By: 
MICHAEL S. OLIN
Fla. Bar No. 220310

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 00-28965 CA 05

WAYNE A. CYPEN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT

The Plaintiff, Wayne Cypen, propounds interrogatories numbered 1 through 2 to the Defendant, PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, to be answered in accordance with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 1.340.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served on the Defendant along with the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Plaintiff, Wayne Cypen, propounds the attached interrogatories, numbered 1 through 2, to the Defendant, PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, to be answered in accordance with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 1.340.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTERROGATORIES

1. List the names and addresses of all persons who are believed or known by you, your agents or attorneys to have any knowledge concerning any of the issues in this lawsuit; and specify the subject matter about which the witness has knowledge.

2. Please state name, address and phone number of each physician or other healthcare provider who was consulted by you in determining whether or not to pay Plaintiff's claim.

BY: _____

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 00-28965 CA 05

WAYNE A. CYPEN,

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PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

**DEFENDANT PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE
COMPANY'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
RESPOND TO COMPLAINT**

Defendant Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company ("Provident"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby moves for an extension of time to file a responsive pleading to the complaint filed by Wayne A. Cypen, and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. Defendant Provident needs an additional twenty (20) days to gather the necessary information to respond to the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company requests a twenty (20) day extension of time to file and serve a responsive pleading to plaintiff's complaint.

SHUTTS & BOWEN
Attorneys for Defendant
1500 Miami Center
201 South Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida
(305) 358-6300

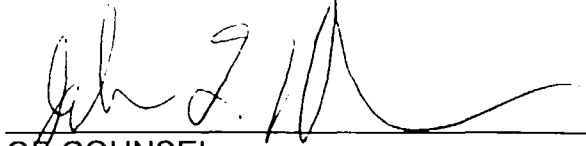
By: 

John T. Kolinski

Florida Bar No.: 307971

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via facsimile and U. S. Mail this 7th day of December, 2000 to: **Michael S. Olin, Esquire, Podhurst, Orseck, Josefsberg, Eaton, Meadow, Olin & Perwin, P. A.**, City National Bank Building, 8th Floor, 25 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130.


OF COUNSEL

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Wayne A. Cypen	DEFENDANTS Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Miami-Dade (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Michael S. Olin, Esq. Podhurst, Orseck, Joseffberg, et al. 25 West Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33130 305-358-2800	Attorneys (if known) John T. Kolinski, Esq. Shutts & Bowen 201 S. Biscayne Boulevard, 1500 Miami Center Miami, FL 33131 (305) 358-6300
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(d) Circle County where action arose: Dade Monroe Broward Palm Beach Martin St. Lucie Indian River Okeechobee Highlands

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in one box only) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 US Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 2 US Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (US Government Not a Party) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in one box for Plaintiff and (For Diversity Cases Only) one box for defendant) Citizen of This State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Citizen of Another State <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in one box only)
☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☒ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

V. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in one box only)				
A CONTRACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	A TORTS PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury A CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	FORFEITURE/PENALTY <input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other A LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Emp. Ret. Inc. Security Act	A BANKRUPTCY <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 A PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patents <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark B SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 561 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 562 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 563 DIWC/DIWW(405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 564 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 565 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (US Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	A OTHER STATUTES <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Services <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions A or B

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the US Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
28 U.S.C. Sec. 1332 and 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1441

Length of trial is 4-5 days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: ☐ Check if this is a class action under F.R.C.P. 23 Demand \$ \$75,000.00 Check YES only if demanded in complaint: Jury Demand: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions) Judge _____ Docket Number _____

Date 12/8/00 Signature of Attorney of Record *John T. Kolinski* \$150.00 833/188

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Receipt # _____ Amount _____ Applying IFP _____ Judge _____ Mag. Judge _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs - Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)."

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suites by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.